

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2019-281-S ORDER NO. 2020-50-H

JUNE 11, 2020

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Motion for Prehearing Conference by Palmetto Utilities, Inc. (“PUI” or “the Company”)

HEARING OFFICER’S ACTION:

Palmetto Utilities, Inc., through Counsel, has filed a Motion for a Prehearing Conference in the present Docket, pursuant to S.C. Code Regs. 103-839 (2012). The Company requests that various matters be addressed, including:

- a. The potential for submission of a witness testimony on a stipulated basis with a waiver of the right of cross-examination by the parties;**
- b. The potential for the submission of witness testimony via verification without actual participation in the virtual hearing;**
- c. The means by which documents that a party may wish to use to impeach witness testimony under Rules 607 and 608, SCRE, are to be provided to the Commission Chair, opposing counsel, the witness, and the court reporter in a virtual hearing;**
- d. The request of the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) for an amendment to the Application, specifically including Exhibit A thereto;**
- e. Presentation of testimony by Intervenor Lisa Levine in the event that PUI’s motion to dismiss her intervention is not granted;**
- f. Submission of revised pre-filed testimonies by PUI and ORS in the event that all or part of PUI’s June 5, 2020 motion to strike and for sanctions is granted, and**
- g. Discussion concerning the potential for settlement. Also,**
- h. Discussion of any other matter within the ambit of R. 103-839 addressed at a prehearing conference if one is directed by the Commission to be held.**

The Motion states that if the Commission is disposed to direct that a prehearing conference be held, PUI suggests that it be conducted no earlier than June 18, 2020, but as soon thereafter as practical.

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After due consideration, the Motion for a Prehearing Conference in this matter is granted. All matters as stated heretofore shall be open for discussion between the parties and Commission Staff. The Prehearing Conference is hereby scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2020 at 10:00 am by telephone conference call. Information for accessing the conference call shall be provided on a separate sheet. This ends the Hearing Officer Directive.